

POLICY TO IMPROVE, CONSERVE, AND MANAGE THE QUALITY OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE AND PROTECT, MAINTAIN, AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WATER FOR PUBLIC SUPPLIES, PROPAGATION OF WILDLIFE, FISH AND AQUATIC LIFE, AND DOMESTIC, AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND OTHER LEGITIMATE BENEFICIAL USES. ALSO, IT IS STATE PUBLIC POLICY TO PROVIDE THAT NO WASTE IS DISCHARGED INTO ANY WATERS OF THIS STATE WITHOUT FIRST RECEIVING NECESSARY TREATMENT OR OTHER CORRECTIVE ACTION TO PROTECT THE LEGITIMATE BENEFICIAL USES OF THIS STATE'S WATERS, AND PROVIDE FOR PREVENTION, ABATEMENT, AND CONTROL OF NEW OR EXISTING WATER POLLUTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE AGENCIES OF OTHER STATES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CARRYING OUT THESE OBJECTIVES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 96A, section 23 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

8-1403. CONSTRUCTION AND PURPOSE OF SUBTITLE; REMEDIES ADDITIONAL AND CUMULATIVE.

IN GENERAL. — THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED AS REPEALING ANY STATE LAW RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION OR CONSERVATION. THIS SUBTITLE IS SUPPLEMENTARY TO THOSE LAWS, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PROVISIONS ARE IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND CUMULATIVE REMEDIES TO PREVENT, ABATE, AND CONTROL THE POLLUTION OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE. THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ABRIDGE OR ALTER RIGHTS OF ACTION OR REMEDIES IN EQUITY UNDER EXISTING COMMON LAW, STATUTORY LAW, CRIMINAL OR CIVIL, NOR MAY ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR ANY ACT DONE PURSUANT TO IT, BE CONSTRUED AS ESTOPPING ANY PERSON, AS RIPARIAN OWNER OR OTHERWISE, IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS RIGHTS IN EQUITY, UNDER THE COMMON LAW, OR STATUTORY LAW TO SUPPRESS NUISANCES OR ABATE POLLUTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 96A, section 28B of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

8-1404. JOINT POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(A) PART OF COMPREHENSIVE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM. — AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH